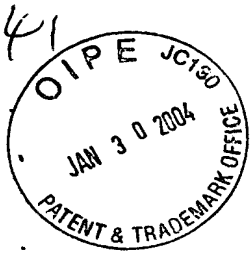


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JOHN A. BECKMAN )  
Serial No. 09/025,531 ) Group Art Unit 3644  
Filed: February 18, 1998 )  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY )  
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE )  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 be extended two months, up to and including January 27, 2003, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0005 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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